

NSRE UPDATE

NATIONAL SURVEY ON RECREATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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A happy and enjoyable summer to you all, may it provide you with some rest, sun, and well earned vacation. On a more work-orientated note, to date Versions one to fourteen of the **NSRE** have been completed. Version XIV of the **NSRE** began in late July, 2002 and was completed in late April. This version contained questions pertaining to people's recreation participation, controlled burns and wildfires, the Woody's Owl Environmental program, charter forests, rural land ownership, and demographics. A total of 6,000 interviews were collected.

Version XV of the **NSRE** was started in the late April, 2003 and is expected to be completed by the end of August, 2003. Version XV contains questions pertaining to people's recreation participation (with particular regard to specific resource-based activities, agricultural and farm related activities), recreational settings, people's attitudes and opinions towards wilderness, African-American's bird watchers, fees for federal land use, and demographics.

Since September 1999, when the first completed interviews for the **NSRE** were collected and analyzed, over 110 presentations, one book (and another on its way), several manuscripts, numerous preliminary reports and summaries have been completed. Some of the topics presented covered issues such as outdoor recreation participation trends, wilderness values, changing public environmental concerns and opinions, public land management and practices, agricultural and farm related activities, sightseeing, and people's lifestyles. The book summarizing the **NSRE's** findings called "Outdoor Recreation: 21st Century America" is expected to be published in early Fall 2003. A second book called "The Multiple Values of Wilderness" is expected to be finished in February 2004 and to be published later that summer. As progress on **NSRE** continues and more interviews are completed, more presentations, reports and publications will be forthcoming. Please check our web-site for these presentations and materials.

NSRE is being administered through two survey centers: the Human Dimensions Research Laboratory and the Social Science Research Institute at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. To date, over 200,000 hours of interviewing have been spent on data collection alone, resulting in over 80,000 completed interviews.

Please note that planning for the next **NSRE**, 2004-05, has already started. So if you are interest in becoming involved in **NSRE** 2004-05, or what continues to be this nation's largest survey on outdoor recreation and the environment, please contact us in the near future.

For further information regarding the content, progress and results of the **NSRE** survey, contact Gary T. Green on (706)-559-4269 or ggreen@fs.fed.us. Information may also be obtained at <http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/trends/>